December 22, 2011

Kevin L. McLaury, P.E. Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 585 Shepard Way Helena, MT 59601

Subject: 2011 STIP Amendment 8

Enclosed is Amendment 8, dated December 22, 2011, for the 2011-2015 STIP, dated May 2011.

Amendment 8 shows the applicable project numbers along with the phases we wish to program. This amendment represents the projects and phases for which we need FHWA approval. Additionally, we are acknowledging the Missoula 2011-2015 TIP Amendment II by reference. An approval letter and updated checklist are attached.

The subject projects will not require a revised air quality conformity finding; however, a transfer of CMAQ funding to FTA is included in the amendment and thus FTA approval is required. Additionally, we are requesting FTA approval of funding modifications resulting from discretionary program awards (see attached documentation).

Please review and approve Amendment 8.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Johnson at 444-7259.

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**Attachments** 

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